

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1422
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2013; March 18, 2013, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
 1-4 April 8, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 8, 2013,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Rodriguez	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Carona	X			
1-12 Garcia	X			
1-13 Hancock	X			
1-14 Paxton			X	

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1422 By: West

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of digitized signatures for pleadings and
 1-20 orders in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 101, Family Code, is amended by adding
 1-23 Section 101.0096 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 101.0096. DIGITIZED SIGNATURE. "Digitized signature"
 1-25 means a graphic image of a handwritten signature having the same
 1-26 legal force and effect for all purposes as a handwritten signature.

1-27 SECTION 2. Chapter 102, Family Code, is amended by adding
 1-28 Section 102.014 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 102.014. USE OF DIGITIZED SIGNATURE. (a) A digitized
 1-30 signature on an original petition under this chapter or any other
 1-31 pleading or order in a suit satisfies the requirements for and
 1-32 imposes the duties of signatories to pleadings, motions, and other
 1-33 papers identified under Rule 13, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

1-34 (b) A digitized signature under this section may be applied
 1-35 only by, and must remain under the sole control of, the person whose
 1-36 signature is represented.

1-37 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Chapters
 1-38 101 and 102, Family Code, apply only to a suit affecting the
 1-39 parent-child relationship filed on or after the effective date of
 1-40 this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed
 1-41 before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the
 1-42 suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
 1-43 purpose.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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